

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

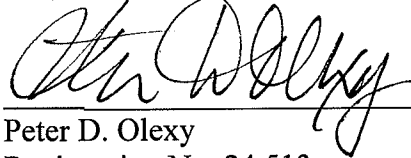
On the new matter rejection, "a granular material" is amended to "a granule".

With respect to the indefiniteness rejection regarding "partially", Applicants are in the process of submitting brochures on commercially available partially pregelatinized starches. They will shortly be submitted.

Regarding the obviousness rejection, Applicants submit herewith an executed DECLARATION Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 for the Examiner's consideration. They will shortly provide additional remarks for the Examiner's consideration (no later than December 5, 2008).

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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